regard. With a view to suggest measures for an equitable way to settle them on the lands that could possibly be made available, a commission will be set up to make suitable recommendation in this regard.

Panchayats and Local Bodies.

It has been the policy of my Government to assist in the development of Panchayats and Local Bodies as effective democratic institutions in the development of the State. Various development works will be carried out by the Panchayats in the next year in furtherance of this policy.

For the implementation of schemes of civic improvement in the various Municipalities, aid in the form of grants and loans will be given by Government during the coming year.

Agriculture.

Large scale programme of intensive cultivation on modern scientific methods are being taken up. During the coming year, it is proposed to continue the activities of plant protection branch, especially for controlling pest attacks on paddy crops. A number of research schemes are also to be taken up in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Attention will be paid in the matter of improving the quality and yield of cash crop also. Controlled credit for agricultural operations will continue to be given. The scheme of Soil Conservation will be further expanded.

The Financial Statement for 1956–57 will be placed before you in due course.

You will be invited to consider the following among other bills:—

1. The Municipal (Temporary Provisions) Amendment Bill.
2. The Travancore-Cochin State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore-Cochin General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Travancore-Cochin Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill.
5. The Travancore-Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill.

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